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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Hirotaka MATSUMOTO  
Title: FIXING DEVICE OF IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS  
EMPLOYING ELECTRO-PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCESS AND  
CONTROLLING METHOD OF THE SAME  
Application No.: 10/806,472  
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Examiner: B. Shrivastav  
Art Unit: 2859

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated September 9, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: